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The most effective way to reduce salmonella in eggs would be to eliminate the practice of forced molting. The FDA must do more than put warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.

To deprive hens food for up to two weeks and water for up to eight weeks, keeping them in pitch darkness for weeks on end, is unconscionable and leaves them disease prone and prone to salmonella infections.

Forced molting of hens must be stopped.

Sincerely,



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